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Darren Lum/TIMES

Taking a break

Taylor McKay, 6, and Michelle Soldiuk, 10 were enjoying a rest on the Dorset rink's ice while visiting their grandfather Norm MacKay, a Dorset resident, on Friday, Jan. 3. Michelle, from Newmarket, and was up for the holidays and Taylor lives in Dorset year round.

By-pass debate ready to start again

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

A local insurance company in Minden wants to relocate its office from the Main Street to the Highway 35 bypass, but current zoning bylaws and the townships official plan does not allow it to do so.

Glenn Hall and his father Don of Floyd Hall Insurance in Minden, made a presentation to the township of Minden Hills late last year asking council for support in the relocation of their office to the bypass.

"We've operated for 50 years in Minden with three generations of the Hall family," Glenn said. "We have outgrown the space we are in and there is no where for us to grow on the Main Street."

The current Official Plan for Anson, Hindon and Minden does not allow for business and professional offices on the bypass, says Minden's Chief Planning Administrator Brendan Berube.

Berube said the Official Plan was specifically designed several years ago to protect the downtown core of Minden from losing offices to the highway corridor.

Currently zoned C3 highway commercial, Berube says the bypass currently is home to anything from automotive body shops to real estate and take-out restaurants, but businesses and professional offices are not permitted on the bypass under the official plan.

The costly process of changing the official plan could run as much as \$5,000 for the Halls and

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The program commenced on November 18, 2002 and the following figures are up to and including December 18, 2002.

Impaired Drivers: 1

12 hour suspensions: 3

Other charges: 20 (Criminal Code, Liquor Licence Act, Highway Traffic Act and Other Provincial Offences).

During that same time period the officers have also investigated thirty-nine motor vehicle accidents: one fatal snowmobile accident, four personal injury accidents and 34 property damage accidents.

Impaired snowmobiler

A 32-year-old Stanhope man was charged with impaired operation of a snowmobile after an accident on Townlot Road three kilometres west of Carnarvon.

On December 30 at approximately 7:15 p.m., the man was travelling alone when his snowmobile rolled over in a driveway of a local resident. The police were called after the resident located the snowmobiler who was subsequently charged with impaired operation, operating with over .80 mgs and possession of liquor.



She's a winner

Minden's Nadeen Bull was the grand prize-winner of *The Times* annual Hometown Christmas draw for 500 smackaroos. After getting over the shock of being the winner of the contest, an elated Bull said she wasn't entirely sure what she planned on doing with the money. She divided the prize money into gift certificates at three stores with \$100 at Stedman's, \$200 at Home Hardware and \$200 at Minden IDA. *The Times* would like to thank all business and patrons for their participation in Hometown Christmas, and would like to congratulate all weekly winners and the grand prize winner.

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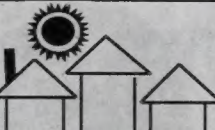
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Two-hatters lose first round with Bill 30 defeat

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Bill 30, the Volunteer Firefighters Employment Protection Act, was defeated on a split vote December 11 in Provincial Parliament. The legislation, if it had been passed, would have allowed career firefighters to work on a volunteer basis with smaller, mostly rural fire departments.

Unions representing career firefighters have threatened disciplinary action against firefighters who assist rural fire departments on a volunteer basis during their time off.

Haliburton-Victoria-Brock MPP Chris Hodgson supported Bill 30. He believes career firefighters can provide a valuable service to rural fire departments without jeopardizing their ability to perform their regular duties.

"Obviously, I am disappointed that Bill 30 did not pass third reading in the legislature.

Volunteers are important in our community, and in rural areas throughout the province. I know that the union feels that all forces should be unionized, but the reality is that in rural Ontario, our tax bases simply cannot afford full-time forces," Hodgson said.

Hodgson argues that career firefighters can provide expertise and experience which is very valuable to small fire departments in rural communities.

"I voted in favour of this legislation because I believe that neighbours should be allowed to help neighbours – volunteers assist because they want to help their community. It is only natural to have those with the most experience sharing this knowledge in their home area."

Hodgson is hopeful that a solution can be found that both sides can endorse.

"Despite the loss of this bill, it is clear that all sides will have to get back together and search for alternative avenues to resolve this issue. I understand the Minister of Public Safety and Security will continue to work with municipalities, fire services, firefighters and other stakeholders to make that happen."

The volunteer fire departments within Haliburton County and the northern part of the City of Kawartha Lakes have only a few "two-hatters" but those who do wel-

come the experience that the career fighters bring to their departments.

Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell said that although there aren't currently any career firefighters on the Minden crew, he would definitely welcome the experience and knowledge such individuals could contribute.

Norland Fire Department Chief Don Logan has mixed feelings.

He says the small local fire departments fight fires differently than the big city departments. Logan said the big departments are more structured in their approach, with each member of a particu-

lar shift having specific duties. Small community fire departments must rely on all of their members to be able to perform a wide variety of duties.

"We do what we can with what we have," Logan said. "If I did have any two-hatters, I'd certainly be fighting for them not to lose their full-time jobs."

Tony Aymong is a member of the Stanhope Volunteer Fire Department and a former career firefighter in the GTA. "I'm very happy I'm retired so it's not going to affect my position with the Stanhope Fire Department or helping my community," Aymong said.

He said he believes career firefighters should have the right to volunteer in their communities if they wish to do so.

Another career firefighter who volunteers with his local fire department said he is disappointed that Bill 30 didn't pass. He wishes to remain anonymous to avoid being issued an ultimatum by the union.

"It's going to affect a lot of communities," he said, noting that there are probably thousands of career firefighters across the province who have part-time jobs. "I don't know if they can, but I hope they re-open the issue and present another bill with similar wording." He said people should contact their MPPs and let them know that career firefighters are a valuable asset to their communities when they volunteer for the local fire departments.

"Unions are there for a reason," he said, "but we all have to stick together and say 'you've gone too far.'"

It's not just two-hatters who are being targeted by the unions. Career firefighters who are paramedics or work at other part-time jobs are under fire as well.

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Tony Aymong says he's glad he's retired from his career as a professional firefighter so there is no conflict with his dedication to the Stanhope fire department.

"Where is it going to end?" the volunteer said. "The union seems to be getting sticky on it."

He believes the union is overstepping its authority when it tries to specify what a career firefighter can and can't do on his or her time off.

"I feel nobody has the right to tell me what I can't do on my days off," he said.

He argues that the majority of the volunteer force members are working people who are often called away from their full-time jobs to respond to an emergency. "In my case, I'm on my days off. I don't have to leave work to respond."

He also said he doesn't believe any career firefighter would give his volunteer position priority over his full-time job.

The union representatives argue that two-hatters take the risk of being injured while fighting a fire at the volunteer job. The volunteer doesn't buy that argument. "What if I fell off my roof?" he said, wondering aloud if he would be forbidden to work on his house during his days off. "Or what if I was an avid skier?" he said.

"I could easily be injured skiing."

The list of jobs and recreational activities where a career firefighter could be injured during days off is a long one.

The volunteer points out that fighting fires and dealing with other emergencies are what he is trained to do. Therefore, the risk of him being injured using his skills to perform those tasks is greatly reduced.

Volunteering with the fire department in his community is not something he does for the money. The financial rewards of being a volunteer firefighter are minimal – an honorarium. He says he does it because he wants to do something for his community and it's something he has been trained to do. He says he couldn't stand idly by if a neighbour's house was on fire.

If the volunteer was issued an ultimatum to quit his volunteer position or lose his job, he said he would have to comply. "But I would stick it out as long as I could," he said.

John Buchanan's widow says thanks

To the people of Minden and Haliburton:

My name is Julie McGann-Buchanan; my husband, John Buchanan, was killed in a snowmobile accident on December 18, 2002. It was the most devastating news I had ever received in my life. My children, Kenton and Natasha, and I are trying our hardest to put the pieces back together but I know it will be the hardest thing we'll ever have to do.

If you were at John's wake or funeral, you clearly know that the number of people who were there was phenomenal. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank people.

John had been a cottager here in Minden his whole life and it was his dream to live up here all year round. The children and I decided to give it a try. We moved to Minden a year and a half ago and John was the happiest he had ever been. He had a wife, children and a home he loved.

The people of this community were such a huge support system to us when we arrived and even more so now in our time of need.

Where to start saying thank you... my family, who are always there for me, my parents who I love dearly and I know you are hurting almost as much as the children and I. My brothers and their wives thank-you for all your support. Being the baby of the family they have always protected me but could not protect me from this.

Kirsten and Barry Monk I love you both, you were fabulous and I would never have gotten through this without you! I appreciate everything you did.

The OPP staff, Boyd Jarvis, who had to give me the awful news, stayed with the children and I until my family arrived - thank you. Officers Humphries, Collings, Spence, Barclay, Ladurantaye, Manuge, Dekoker, Staff Sgt. Bob Walli and many more, thank you for your unending time and support. Believe it or not I feel very safe and secure knowing you are all there for me.

The firefighters at the GTAA and all over, you are the best, I can see why John loved his job so much. You were wonderful and John would have been proud of you, especially at the funeral. I know it was hard for a lot of you. Thank you so much.

The Minden Legion: I wasn't prepared for such a huge outpouring of love and support at John's funeral, but you were - thank you for everything.

The children's schools, Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School: the principals, teachers, secretaries and students were all there for us, thank-you.

Hockey teams, football teams, the figure skating club and Minden Mayhem - thank-you so much.



Julie and John Buchanan were thrilled when they made Minden their home. He died in a snowmobiling accident.

My friends to just name a few, Sheila Cook "MY ROCK", Kathy Hicks, Laura Willis, Mark Eno, Judy Findeis, Michelle Allore, Jerry Harrison, Ginny Hemming, Brittany Hicks, Johnathan Sharpley, the Kerry Family, the Kulas Family, the Sharpley Family, the Campbell Family, and lots, lots more of family and friends - I could go on forever, thank-you all.

I know my children and I are not alone.

I have lived in the city my whole life and I have never had so many friends like I do up here; that goes for Kenton and Natasha too. I feel John moved us up here for this reason. He knew if anything ever happened, the children and I would be taken care of and he was right. It is honestly like a huge family and I feel comfortable calling anyone up here for anything.

I guess you don't realize how much you have around you until you are put in a situation as I am, needing support, love, hugs and most of all friends. I honestly know the children and I have many, many of them. People

keep asking if we are going to stay in the community now that John has passed on. Why on earth would we leave something so special? This is our home and John would want us to stay.

Finally Eldon, Dave, Joe and Doug, I love you and feel for you all having to find John and face the children and I but I do admire your strength and I know you all loved and respected John as he did you. He had his last day on Earth with his friends doing what he loved to do. I envy the four of you in some way. I wish I was with him his last hours to see him smile and hear his oh-so-memorable laugh.

His last words to me were, "I love you and I'll see you tomorrow." Unfortunately, tomorrow never came. All of you love your families and your friends daily as if it is their last day on earth, because you never know when it is time!

Goodbye John. I love you!

Julie McGann-Buchanan

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Home Support gets grant to help with fundraising

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Haliburton Home Support Services will be launching new fundraising and volunteer recruitment programs thanks to a \$23,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Donna Pacey-MacDonald, Home Support executive director, says they are really excited about the opportunities this grant will make possible.

The agency needs to generate \$28,000 this fiscal year just to cover budget shortfalls.

The director has hired Roxanne Casey with the Trillium money to work on generating not only enough money to cover this year's needs but a basis for a long-term fundraising campaign.

"It's a lot of responsibility or seems like a lot of responsibility. But it's been really fun," says Casey.

Casey will be responsible for establishing a new planned giving program as well as for seeking corporate sponsorship of the annual golf tournament and for 30 new Emergency Response Units. The units are part of an emergency response system, each of which cost \$350 including home installation.

The units are for seniors who are over 55 years or the physically disabled over 18 years. The units allow these individuals to live alone securely knowing they can receive help at the push of a button on a pendant that is worn around the neck.

The purpose of the grant is also to increase community



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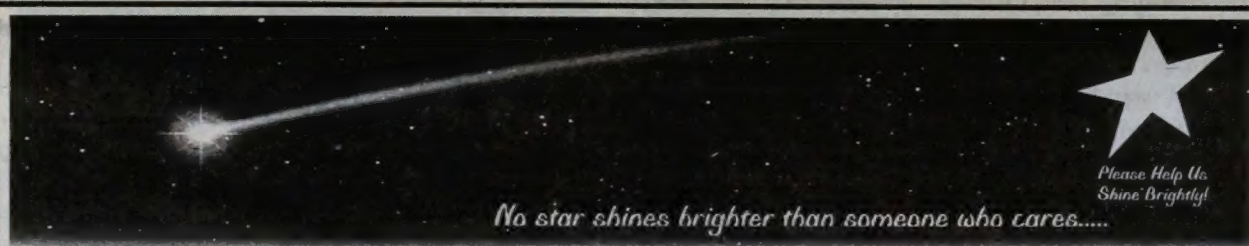
Donna Pacey-MacDonald, Bob Mitchell, Roxanne Casey and Peter Forgrave of Haliburton County Home Support Services say the Trillium Foundation grant will help them raise money and recruit volunteers to improve services to seniors who want to live independently at home.

awareness and volunteer recruitment and training. Pacey-MacDonald says they have a goal of bringing in 15 new volunteers. Some of these volunteers, she says, will be needed for marketing purposes requiring a different set of skills than they are usually looking for in their volunteers.

Casey says so far she has had a great response from volunteers and they have already this fall almost met their target.

In the friendly visitor or caller program, Casey explained they now have filled their volunteer requirement and could actually accommodate more clients.

"I think people hesitate to ask for help but everyone could use a friend to check in or call on them to make sure they're all right, especially here where people can be very isolated," says Casey.



2002 "Shine Brightly" Campaign

For the fifth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies with tags sponsored by gifts from the community. To date this campaign has raised **\$62,838.08**. The proceeds will assist the Foundation in the Capital Campaign for the Haliburton and Minden Health Care Facilities.

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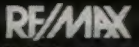
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Insurance company hopes minor variance will avoid need for official plan change

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could take as long as a year to complete.

After considering their options, the owners of the insurance company are trying to avoid the official plan amendment and have applied instead for a site-specific minor variance based on advice from a professional planner they solicited for guidance.

The minor variance process could cost less than \$500 and would only take a few months.

The problem with applying for a minor variance to the zoning bylaw is that the zoning bylaw would still contradict the official plan of Anson, Hindon and Minden, Berube said. The official plan takes precedence over all other documents in the municipality.

The minor variance application would have to go before the committee of adjustment, a three-member group comprised of community volunteers, and would also involve input from local residents at public meetings, before the committee makes a final decision.

Don Hall said the insurance company, similar to the real estate offices currently located on the bypass, does not attract people to the downtown core.

"If you lost the drug store and Stedmans you wouldn't have a downtown core," Don said.

He said that the insurance company doesn't attract people to the Main Street like the drug store does and that the extra space on the Main Street, if Floyd Hall were to relocate, could attract another business with more appeal to the public.

Councillors didn't seem to dispute the fact and many of

them didn't see the development of an insurance company on the bypass being an issue. Instead, they wanted to find a way to keep Minden Hills viable while still allowing the township to grow.

Councillor Ingram Wessell said that the township should be open for business.

"It seems that anything that people want to do is blocked. I don't even think they should be held up," he said.

Councillor Bill Valentine said that "council should do everything to speed this process."

Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon wasn't entirely certain why the official plan would permit the development of real estate offices on the bypass, but not an insurance company.

"What's the difference between a insurance company and real estate company? Neither sells, but they are both offering a service," McMahon said.

Reeve Ross Rigney told The Times last week that development along the Highway 35 corridor is a major issue for him for 2003, adding that attracting small businesses to the area is something the council wants to encourage.

The draft Official Plan for the amalgamated township will have to address the bypass issue, Berube said. The township will also have to address the specific uses on both the highway and on the Main Street.

Floyd Hall Insurance employees nine people in both the Minden and Haliburton offices, and have operated for nearly 50 years in Minden.

Children's concert is this Sunday

Razzamataz Kid's Shows presents its second show of the season, Jack Grunsky's "Sing and Dance" on Sunday, January 12, at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton.

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Volume of Christmas shoppers may have been lower, but sales on par with last year

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The streets of Minden didn't seem to be as packed with the throngs of shoppers during the Christmas season as has been the case in previous years. But to many Minden businesses, the apparent decrease in the number of shoppers didn't mean a corresponding decrease in sales.

John Thomas of Stedman's V&S said the Christmas sales got off to a sluggish start this year, but the late shoppers helped push sales above last year. He estimates sales are up by about five per cent over the 2001 Christmas shopping season.

The last two weeks before Christmas were the busiest, especially the last couple of days.

"We're pretty happy," Thomas said.

He said the bad weather the weekend before Christmas may have kept some shoppers from going to Barrie or Peterborough to shop. His store was especially busy on December 23 and 24.

"I think a lot of people shopped locally," he said.

Lori Roberts of Photo Solutions said, "We had a good Christmas season." She attributes much of her businesses success to "keeping current with technology."

She said digital technology is the trend in photography. "Sales were good," she said. "People wanted the new technology

Jerry Grozelle/TIMES



Last-minute shoppers and the arrival of snow just before Christmas gave V & S the boost it needed this holiday shopping season. John Thomas, here with his daughter Ainslie, says sales were up approximately five per cent at his downtown stores. Other merchants have similar reports.

and we tried to provide what they were looking for."

Roberts said she is hoping for good snow conditions which will help keep people active in the area, which will be good for the local economy.

Marie Cox of Cox Apparel says her business is about the same as last year or maybe even a little bit better.

As far as last-minute shoppers, she didn't see much of a late rush. "There are always a few who leave it until the last minute," she said. But she thinks shoppers are starting earlier to avoid the rush. "The guys usually get down to business the last week before Christmas," she said. "But there didn't seem to be as much of a last minute rush this year."

Cox said the weather can be a factor, especially for local businesses. "If the weather is good, people tend to shop out of town and if the weather is bad, they stay at home and shop."

"On the whole, I'd say it was pretty good this year."

Cox said she has noticed a trend. Men

are bringing their wives to shop so they can get what they want instead of taking a chance that what they buy will be what the women want.

Derrick Box of Riverview Furniture said the Christmas season has never been a big sales time for his business. "Our business isn't a good gauge," he said. "Sales were slow in December but Christmas sales are never big anyway."

Most furniture shoppers, he said, come into his store looking for something specific. He doesn't get the browsers who are looking for ideas for Christmas gifts.

Compared to last year at the same time, Box said, "Our sales weren't way off."

He said in his observation, there didn't seem to be the numbers of people shopping as in past years.

Box said his business has been better

after Christmas than it was before.

Mike Stephens of Systems Software and Support said business at his store was comparable to last year in terms of sales.

"We had a fairly decent month," he said.

Regarding a last-minute rush, he said there wasn't anything unusual. "Some people held off until the last minute and we were scrambling to get what they wanted." As far as customer traffic, it was steady leading up to Christmas.

On a positive note, Stephens said there were a lot of new faces in the store.

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Readers contribute, too

As we launch headlong into 2003 we look forward to the continued good relationship with, and support of, all those people who take the time to keep us informed of what's going on in the community and beyond. With a small staff, we can't be everywhere as things happen. We certainly appreciate anyone taking the time to give us a call to let us know when they happen upon something newsworthy in their travels. Our readers often act as our eyes and ears in the community.

The firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses, paramedics and others who work so hard to protect us when things go wrong don't perform their duties with recognition in mind. To them, working in life and death situations is just part of the job. But, sometimes we need to be reminded of the things they do on our behalf. Although accident scenes and other emergency situations can be unpleasant, those stories should be told in the hope that similar situations can be avoided in the future. If you happen upon news in the making, your first call should be to the appropriate emergency personnel, when necessary. That's one time we don't mind being second on your list.

The newspaper business is not a nine-to-five operation, because the news doesn't necessarily happen during that time span.

Council meetings are usually held during regular business hours, but many other meetings and events are held in the evening or on weekends. We appreciate hearing about these events and meetings at least a few days in advance so we can work them into our schedules. Occasionally something happens on the spur of the moment and in those cases, we try to be as accommodating as possible. There are times when we are unable to attend and event organizers are able to arrange for photographs to be taken by someone involved with the event and the information is provided so the community can be informed. Your co-operation is always appreciated.

Our correspondents and columnists add their own unique perspectives and character to the pages of the paper. They also welcome suggestions, leads and fresh ideas.

We are always open to suggestions or story ideas for features. If you have a neighbour, relative or friend who does something unusual or interesting, he or she could be the subject of a feature story. Did someone you know find a treasure in the attic and sell it for a fortune on the eBay auction; does someone you know raise racing turtles or miniature Clydesdales; or are you a member of a group that does something unique?

If you know of a story that begs to be told, we would like to hear from you. We can't promise that every idea or suggestion will find its way onto the pages of *The Times*, but there is no harm in calling and telling us why you think the story should be told.

Features must have a local angle, perspective or some local connection. But the subject matter can be as varied as the imagination of our collective readership, which we're sure is limitless.

A local phenomenon, human or otherwise, might be old hat to people in a small, isolated area, but could be of interest to a broad spectrum of our readers. Don't keep these stories to yourselves – share them with the rest of our readers.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Kinsmen Club wants to hear its members' stories

To the Editor:

Thank you for the opportunity to reach out to your readers and for your assistance in helping us with a major project that we are currently undertaking.

Kinsmen and Kinettes Clubs in Canada have been in existence now for over 80 years and has a very rich history in the communities they serve. We believe that we may have over 200,000 alumni and we are attempting to locate as many of them as we possibly can.

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please forward to us the names, addresses and any other information that you may have about relatives, friends, neighbours, co-workers or anyone else previously associated with a Kinsmen, Kinette, K-40 or K-ette clubs. Whether they belonged to a club last year or 50 years ago, we would like to find hear their stories.

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Stupidity then and now

IF YOU READ THIS COLUMN on occasion you're probably aware that I rely on stupid news stories for inspiration. Not just any stupid news will do, however. No, it's got to be world-class idiocy – only the best for my readers.

A lot of people ask why I'd write about this but I'm just following the best advice ever given to any writer: write about what you know. Some people are connoisseurs of wine, I consider myself a connoisseur of the dumb, a student of the genre, if you will.

But although I've spent an entire lifetime doing stupid things or watching others trying to impress me with their own doltish acts, I must confess that I and most people I know don't really have an aptitude for it. When it comes to stupidity, most of us are gifted amateurs at best.

Oh sure, the time I straddled the electric fence instead of using the gate three steps away was a proud moment but, unfortunately, it was neither newsworthy nor original, which are the hallmarks of all great stupidities.

Of course when I was growing up stupid acts were not nearly as sophisticated as they are today. Back then, merely stepping on a rake end and having it suddenly stand up and say hello to the end of your nose was considered big league material – it was something only a real idiot could pull off. Now, unless you've done this several times in one morning and in front of credible witnesses, this sort of thing is looked upon as merely accidental.

That's because modern stupidity requires an incredible lack of thought and planning. Simply stepping on a misplaced garden implement won't meet these stringent requirements any more.

Perhaps this is best illustrated by the recent story of two young car thieves who got caught because they couldn't drive a standard and decided that they'd try to learn right there and

then at the crime scene. Though not world-class stupidity, it far exceeds any attempts that most of us have ever made. And, make no mistake, the fact that they risked it all for a pizza delivery car only makes their attempt that much more poignant. Not surprisingly, they were awarded with a well-deserved national news story.

I'm not saying that this ranks up there with the Raelians wanting to clone babies or Saddam Hussein writing a romance novel, both of which were

practically gifts from the Gods in terms of sheer comedic value and international news. I'm just pointing out that these young men might have a brilliant career in stupidity ahead of them provided that they don't squander their God-given gift by educating themselves or picking up a useful trade in prison.

Many people fail to understand that

there can be big money and fame in the rapidly growing field of stupidity. And not just in the traditional occupations like professional wrestling, lion taming or body-guarding reviled terrorists. Those smokers who have successfully sued large tobacco companies, despite knowing before they ever started smoking that cigarettes kill and are addictive, are just one such example of turning dumb acts into big money. And a recently featured stupidity, the man who tried his hand at smuggling endangered monkeys in his pants, certainly has yielded him more attention than the winner of Star Search. Because he failed stupidly, he's now practically a household name and word is that he'll probably start his own line of designer smuggler's clothing soon. At the very least, he'll be a regular on the Jerry Springer Show.

Forget fame and fortune, back in my day, all you got was strange looks. And that's too bad too. Because, if you were paid for stupidity, back then in dad's garden, I could have really raked it in.



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Steve Galea

I hear music....

WE MUST REMEMBER, Mozart and Beethoven didn't hear all the sounds we hear.

They never heard the sound of a motor car starting, running, grinding, stopping. They never heard a telephone ring, or an airplane roar.

Gregor Piatigorsky

And, one might add that, since he died in 1976, Mister Piatigorsky (no mean musician himself) never got to hear the tell-tale blip of a cell phone, the supersonic howl of an SST, or Eminem singing about The Real Slim Shady.

Strange critter, music, when you think about it. My dictionary defines it as "the art of combining vocal and/or instrumental sounds to produce beauty of form, harmony and expression of emotion."

That's a tad wordy. I prefer Debussy's take: he called music "the arithmetic of sound."

However you define it, humankind has been making music of one kind or another ever since some nameless Neanderthal used a pair of mastodon ribs and the floor of his cave to produce the world's first drum solo.

But why do we make music? Because it makes us feel better, I

guess. Although that doesn't do much to explain musical aberrations like Muzak, Lawrence Welk – or Eminem singing The Real Slim Shady.

Still, there's no accounting for musical taste. One person's Bach is another person's Britney Spears – even your mutt will tell you that.

No kidding. Researchers at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland recently put 50 dogs of assorted pedigrees into a room and played a whole bunch of music at them to see how they reacted.

The dogs were treated to all manner of music. Everything from Bob Marley to Vivaldi; from Beethoven to Metallica. Not to mention the aforementioned Johann Sebastian and Britney. Results? The scientists found that the dogs – be they Doberman or dachshund, shih-tzu or St. Bernard – preferred classical music to rock and roll. They became calm and placid when Bach or Beethoven was piped into their room. When Metallica came on they

went nuts, barking, howling and even snarling and biting at each other.

Hey – just like the audience at your average Metallica concert.

No question that the making of music has been transformed down through the ages. We've gone from mastodon bones to Moog synthesizers. From hollow logs to Hammond organs.

And we've gone even farther than that.

Consider: It is possible for me to go home this afternoon, flick on my computer... And become an instant musician. Despite the fact that I can't finger a decent G chord on a guitar or get anything but a squeak

out of a trumpet, my computer allows me to gain instant access to every sound ever made by any musical instrument ever recorded. All I have to do is pull down a program called Fruityloops. There, I can choose from any number of drum styles incorporating my choice of tempo and beat. I can sound like Gene Krupa or Buddy Guy. I can then toss in a saxophone,

electric guitar, bass, cello, trumpet, piano – you name it. It's all in the program. What's more I don't have to learn how to fret a chord, handle a drumstick or find middle C on the piano. There is no piano. All there is, is my computer mouse.

Is this music? Well, I have my doubts. The scary thing is, if I do it well enough, you wouldn't be able to tell it from real music – the kind produced by actual musicians.

Is it the way of the future? I hope not, but I did notice a small newspaper item in the Wall Street Journal recently. Apparently the Pentagon has just purchased a carload of what they are pleased to call "technologically enhanced" bugles.

From now on, any member of a U.S. funeral honour guard will be able to put one of these bugles to his lips, press a button, and emit a digitally recorded, technically perfect rendition of Taps.

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Well, I suppose. But it ain't exactly a lone piper silhouetted against the North Sea playing Amazing Grace, is it?



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

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A match made in Heaven

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Surrounded by pumas, sea otters and endless other critters, Paul Heaven isn't your average environmentalist.

In fact, the Minden resident was so inspired by all things in nature that he decided his passion would also make an amicable career.

What could be better than evaluating wetlands and surveying a plethora of field projects, while helping to sustain the environment? So off Heaven went to school to study more about the habitat in which he lives.

The first challenge he faced when he graduated from the University of Guelph with an honours bachelor of science degree with a specialization as a wildlife biologist was to find a place where his passion could also be his career.

"I didn't have a plan when I graduated," Heaven said from his home office off Horseshoe Lake Road in Minden.

The plan, or lack thereof, didn't seem to matter because sometimes it's just better to go with the flow anyway, he said.

So, Heaven and his future wife at the time, Irene, who was also fresh out of university with the same degree in her pocket, decided to don their hiking boots and set out to explore life and the natural environment.

"At first there weren't any jobs for us so we were able to travel together and gain some experience," Heaven said.

The call for the Heavens came from Buffalo and quickly faded to Texas. While



Allison Taylor/TIMES

After years of endless travel, the path not taken by many wildlife biologists has led Paul Heaven to a new place in the world here in Minden. He mixes his love of the outdoors with his career by working from his home on Horseshoe Lake Road.

covering hundreds of kilometres in-between, the couple journeyed to Guatemala, jumped on a plane to Costa Rica, Ecuador, Colombia and then Heaven spent nine months in Torres del Pai, Chile, radio-tagging and tracking guanacos, an American mammal that closely resembles a llama, for a project examining parental investment.

"It was fascinating," he said. After tagging 29 of the mammals, Heaven said he was taken with how secretive and powerful the guanacos were.

Heaven didn't stay put in Chile for very long. The call of the wild was emanating from other parts of the world.

His travels have taken him to the Northwest Territories to study thick-billed murre, Yukon to help with research for the Kluane boreal ecosystem project, British Columbia for countless projects, Central and South America, California to

work on a sea otter database and his prized project so far has been work in Panama.

By far, Heaven says his most "exciting project" has been the project in Panama.

The undertaking involves the cleaning of hidden mines and fragments of bombs on the ground in the Panama Canal range-lands. He conducted an environmental assessment and helped to survey how best to clean the area.

"It's an environmental disaster," he says. "We basically have to remove the entire top level of soil."

Funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Heaven's role is to help teach Panamanians how to clean the land.

He specifically looks at the flora and fauna along the canal and the impact on them after cleaning.

The entire cleaning process will take at

least 20 years, he said.

So far he has invested three years in the project.

After years of endless travel, the path not taken by many wildlife biologists before has led Heaven to a new place in the world here in Minden and to one part of the job he wasn't enamored with.

"I write a lot of reports," he says with a laugh. "The field work I do happens in short chunks."

But Heaven doesn't seem to mind bonding with his computer now that there is a new addition to his family, his one-year-old son.

Years of travel might be limited, but the years of excitement for his line of work has only scratched the surface.

Nestled away from the hustle and bustle of city life, Heaven spends hours a day with the environment. While he might not

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Environmentalism loves the Highlands, naturally

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spend all of his time in nature, he is always hard at work.

On any particular day Heaven can be found tickling the keyboard in front of his computer, or spending time restoring his house, although he admits to dreaming of spending time canoeing with his family.

The environment seems to run through his family just like a river runs through the ground.

His wife Irene is a wildlife biologist at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, and also helps with projects with Heaven's company, which is called Glenside Ecological Services Limited, a consulting company based here in Minden.

In fact it was partially Heaven's desire to stay in the area, which convinced him to open his own company and also provided him with an opportunity to open more doors in wildlife biology and diversify his skills. The vice president in the company and Heaven's partner is Tim Tinker, who works out of an office in California.

On this particular day, Heaven is fiddling with another major project of his, as the main developer of a database that compiles information about sea otters.

He showed *The Times* a few pages of his database for the sea otters of the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California.

"I've basically designed ways to enter, edit and test the data they send me."

For example, he captures the data so the aquarium can easily answer any question it might have about its sea otters, such as how much food they eat at certain periods in the day.

"My line of work doesn't require me to be in town," he said. "I don't actually have to be outside to be making a difference."

While it seems Heaven is parked in Minden with his mind deeply committed to the rest of the world, he has taken a



"I like the idea of keeping my head local and making a change here," says Paul Heaven, who sits on various committees and helps forest owners with their management plans. "I do what I can to make a difference."

ence."

As a certified Ministry of Natural Resources planner, Heaven has been managing several local forest plans.

"I meet with the clients and go through their forests to determine what they have and where they want to go in the future."

By informing them of the best places to harvest trees, it keeps the forest sustainable.

In total, he has done around 40 plans for local landowners, assessing the environmental impact on their properties.

He was a member of the county's Environmental Advisory Committee for several years, serving as the chair in 2000 and is also the chair of the wetland subcommittee of the Haliburton County Committee for the Environment.

As a hobby, Heaven has taken the initiative to determine how many wetlands there are in the county and categorizing them by size.

Right now the government does not protect wetlands, because they haven't all been located and labeled.

"Once they are labeled, there will be more government protection. We could easily be destroying wetlands before we determine their significance," he said.

So far, he has mapped 10 of the largest wetlands in the county and with over 8,000 wetlands in the county Heaven would like to flag those with the best potential.

Not only does he understand the intricate details of the wetlands, but they also fascinate him.

"I see the value of them," he said, "the natural environment adds to the quality of our life."

huge interest in local environmental issues as well.

"I like the idea of keeping my head local and making a change here," Heaven said. "I want to do what I can to make a differ-

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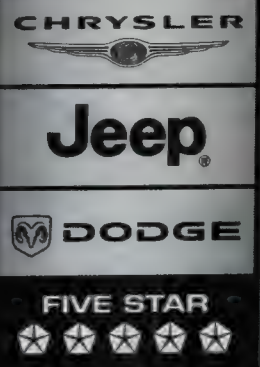
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Is shoreline allowance valuable real estate?

Municipalities asked to consider setting a uniform sale price for 66' swath of land

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Is the 66-foot band of municipally-owned land which circles each lake a useless strand of bureaucratic red tape or a prime piece of real estate?

County politicians may be working out a deal to balance the two opposing views.

Every year, dozens of waterfront property owners undergo the legal process of buying the 66-foot shoreline road allowance which separates their property from the lake. The allowance was deeded to municipalities when they were first created. A municipality has no use for the property and since the general public does not have the right to traverse this "public" property, the municipality doesn't mind selling it.

Right now, fees for buying the allowance cover the costs of the sale and provide some profit for the municipality. A typical purchase of a shoreline allowance would cost a landowner approximately \$4,000.

Often, a landowner will buy the shoreline allowance to get clear title to the land, especially if part of their cottage or home is built on the allowance.

At December's county council meeting, however, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey threw open the debate on whether municipalities should be doing more to cash in on the land sale.

"We're selling land here that would normally be appraised and have a value," he said. "I'm not saying we

should be ridiculous about [the rate increase], but it's time the four municipalities got together to review their policies."

By not charging what is closer to the market value of the land, Fearrey says "it's a big loss in revenue."

He'd like all four municipalities to charge similar rates.

Right now, there are differences throughout the county.

Algonquin Highlands comes the closest to charging market value. It charges a set fee of \$900 plus 40 cents a square foot plus all legal, administrative and land acquisition costs.

Minden Hills and Highlands East have the same fee structure: \$500 for the first 150 feet of shoreline and then \$2 a foot after that. There's an administrative fee of \$250 and the landowner must pay for all legal and survey work.

In Dysart, the "typical" costs are as follows: \$325 for

advertising, \$800 for municipal administration, \$300 for the first 150 feet of water frontage plus \$2 per foot of frontage thereafter, \$100 if any building encroaches on the land, legal fees of \$800 to \$1,000 (or as billed by the lawyer) and the cost of the survey, which is mandatory.

But landowners who are considering whether to buy their shoreline allowance or are in the midst of doing so needn't panic that new rates will be introduced soon. Under new Municipal Act guidelines, municipalities must go through a lengthy process of public notification and meetings to increase any fees.

At December's county council meeting, it was suggested that if the municipalities get together to discuss a uniform shoreline sale fee, they should also talk about uniform tipping fees. They don't want people shopping around for the landfill with the lowest tipping fees.

Workshop will help families coping with Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area is hosting a workshop/speaker day for professionals and family members caring for individuals with Alzheimer disease at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton.

The event is on January 22 and covers various issues caregivers face while dealing with this progressively debilitating disease.

Pam Fisher from the Psycho-geriatric Association for Research for the Elderly (PACE) will be discussing how

to deal with delirium, depression and dementia in the morning session.

The afternoon's main speaker will be Carol Edwards, a Registered Nurse who will put a positive spin on caring for those with the disease. Edwards is known for her warmth and humour and titles her talk the Sunny Side of Stress.

For more information about the workshop call the Haliburton office at 457-8335.



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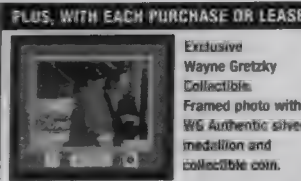
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Above: Right before game time, Sherri, far left and Brittany, far right, join the team after changing in separate change rooms. Left: Brittany Hicks watches the play from the bench. Right: Sherri Walker watches the play from the bench.

Playing like a girl

Story and photos by
Darren Lum



HOCKEY IS MORE than a game in this country...it's a passion. It has been for years. Up until the last couple of decades it was seen as a man's game. That was until the women's national team elevated their play to have achievements that now rivals the men's national team from year to year.

The women's hockey team's performance at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics was simply an exclamation mark to a sentence of championship titles: 1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2001. In Salt Lake, as the team saw the Canadian flag being raised to the rafters with Olympic gold hanging around their necks, they were inspiring millions of girls across the nation.

Local teenagers Brittany Hicks and Sherri Walker are living proof of that inspiration. They both excel on the ice for the Highland Storm Bantam A Representative team.

Brittany is a relative newcomer to hockey having played for only three years. She continues to learn, impressing teammates, coaches and her mother as she progresses.

"Brittany is amazing because she has only played three years and she still figure skates. That's something else," head coach Jim Winn says.

Brittany works hard off-ice jogging in spring and summer and regularly does push ups.

Brittany's mother, Kathy, who wasn't very athletic at the same age as her daughter, encourages her hockey playing. Admittedly, however, she is concerned about the body contact.

"I get nervous now at games with the body contact, but she holds her own, boy

oh boy. She is the one that instigates," Kathy says. "She's tiny, but mighty."

Conversely, Walker is a relative hockey veteran who's played for nine years: one mixed and eight with the boys. Along with the Storm she plays for the Clearview Simco Icestars AA girls team. She has earned the 'Assistant' title as voted by the teammates two months into this season for her work ethic, determination and focus on winning.

When hockey playing ends for Sherri, Winn expects her to stay in the game.

"She'll make a good coach some day...She's always right there, one step ahead. She's very good that way," Winn says.

Not just another player, Sherri frequently takes important face-offs, kills penalties and works the power play at key times in games.

Since she was two years old Sherri has loved hockey. Parents Sharon and Jim thought her declaration to play hockey was a phase. They made her a deal that if she wanted to play hockey by the age of four that they would get her started.

"When she turned four and blew the candles out on her birthday cake she said, 'I'm going to play hockey,'" Sharon says.

Sherri said she owes her beginnings to

coach Jerry Campbell who taught her how to skate and the hockey fundamentals.

"They play so tough every game. Sherri goes into every corner and pounds. She skates hard both ways. She listens to the coaches and learns the system...Brittany is exactly the same way."

Asst. Coach Drew Mitchell

Sherri knows she doesn't have any control over how teams play against her and Brittany so she doesn't dwell on it. When teams first see her and Brittany she says they have one of two reactions: "'Oh my god they're a girl', and some teams are, 'who cares. Let's just hurt them more.' Some teams treat us fairly and some don't," Sherri said.

Assistant coach Drew Mitchell has never coached girls before, but continues to be impressed by them.

"They play so tough every game... Sherri goes into every corner and pounds. She skates hard both ways. She listens to the coaches and learns the system.. Brittany is exactly the same way," Mitchell says. "They do what it takes to try and win."

Watching from the stands during a game against Bracebridge in mid-December, assistant Derek Nesbitt said he expected Sherri to play well, but held reservations about Brittany due to her lack of hockey experience.

"I wasn't too sure about Brittany, but she's skating well now. She's one of the best players on the team," Nesbitt said, adding Sherri is also one of the best players on the team.

The boys on the team look out for the girls just like any teammate and simply

want everyone to be treated the same, Winn says. They don't believe there should be any preferential treatment.

"It's not the way they want to look at them. They look at it like, 'if you're on the team then you're another player like anyone else...Forget they're girls because they're just a player,'" Winn says.

Despite the on-team equity, the opposing teams don't always demonstrate the same acceptance. From game to game as they near the playoffs, they deal with the taunts and the body checks, and loose elbows from boys bent on proving girls don't belong playing with boys in the best way they know how: with a deaf ear, and a stiff shoulder.

Brittany has been enjoying her time playing and doesn't let any of the physical play get to her because she knows her friend will be there for her.

"[Sherri] goes and gets them for me," Brittany said.

Sherri, in response, said, "I just know that she would be there to help me."

Brittany's mother Kathy Hicks said her daughter doesn't get upset about the trash talking. "She'll laugh about it after. 'Oh, that guy he used the 'f' word,'" Kathy says.

Verbal taunts aside, Kathy simply sees their playing as any other athletic activity and believes despite the unfortunate usage of derogatory words it is still good for the girls.

Both girls said they'll play next year with the guys, but have reservations about the years following, accepting the fact that the boys develop more physically during adolescence. They want to play for Olympic gold one day like their hockey hero Hayley Wickenheiser.



Free skating days popular over the holidays

Samantha Miller, above (left) discusses skating strategies with her friend Brittany Hewitt at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena last week during the family skating hours. Many families took advantage of the free skating opportunities during the Christmas break.



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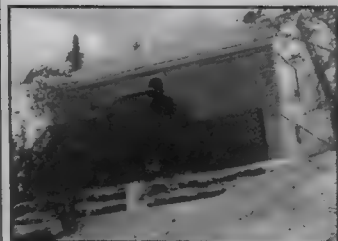
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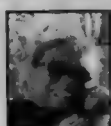
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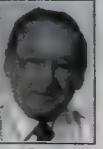
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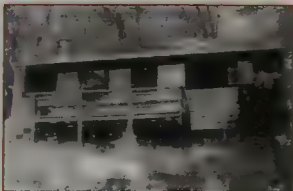
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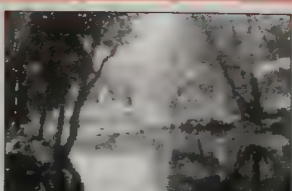
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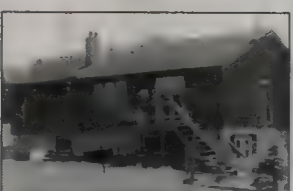
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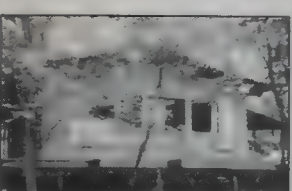
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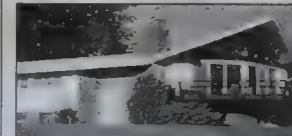
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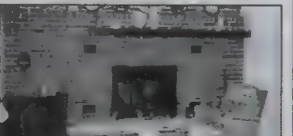
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Area residents can now add surfing to the list of activities they can do to improve their health.

Web surfing, that is.

The new website for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit was introduced at December's Board of Health meeting. The site, located at www.hkpr.on.ca features a variety of information and resources that residents can use to help improve their health.

"The website is just one more avenue the Health Unit can use to provide information to our residents," says Dr. Alex Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health for the HKPR District Health Unit. "We will still continue to use the traditional methods of sharing information, but the internet may enable us to reach people who would not otherwise come into our office or call one of our staff."

Developed by Echelon Media in Cobourg, the website will feature current and timely information that residents can turn to when they want to learn more about public health issues.

Program Reports

Kay Nicholas, Manager of the Dental Health program, provided an overview of the Health unit's approach to combating Early Childhood Tooth Decay in preschool children. Early Childhood Tooth Decay (ECTD) affects infants and young children. It is a significant childhood disease that is preventable and has been shown to have an impact on a child's general health and their ability to

"thrive." ECTD is caused by a number of factors, the most common being allowing a baby or young child to fall asleep drinking from a bottle.

Based on information from the Health Unit's screening program in schools, more than 12 percent of students either have active decay or have been treated for ECTD. As part of their new initiative, Dental Health staff will be aiming to reduce the number of children entering junior kindergarten who suffer from ECTD. The new comprehensive program will involve partnering with other groups and agencies in the community to provide increased education about ECTD, earlier diagnosis opportunities and timely access to care.

Lisa Armstrong, a health Promoter in the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Program, provided an overview of municipal alcohol policies and how such a policy reduces alcohol-related problems. A municipal alcohol policy (MAP) governs the use of alcohol on municipally-owned property or facilities and ensures anyone applying for a special occasion permit meets certain guidelines set out by the council. Armstrong highlighted what a MAP would look like, the process to have one developed and the statistics on their effectiveness.

Remarks - Medical Officer of Health

Dr. Hukowich will bring back to the Board a report on the willingness of municipalities to act as a depot for the drop-off and pick-up of water testing bottles. Raised as a potential way to make it more convenient for area residents to have their well water tested, Dr. Hukowich said he would canvas municipalities where there is no Health

unit office to gauge the response. The report is to also include the cost of providing a refrigerator to each accepting municipal office and the on-going cost of transporting sample bottles to the provincial laboratory in Peterborough.

The province recently announced the extension of funding for heart health projects for the next five years. The Health Unit's project recently expanded its focus to include chronic disease prevention and is currently receiving funding from Health Canada for additional initiatives. While applauding the province's commitment to heart health, Dr. Hukowich said he expects other projects will also expand their focus to include chronic disease in the coming years.

Dr. Hukowich recently took part in the provincial launch of the influenza immunization program. Locally, attendance at immunization clinics is at the same level as last year.

Medical Officers of Health are being called upon to do more to help residents learn how to protect themselves from climate change. As a recent meeting, Dr. Hukowich said medical officers of health were shown how much the climate is changing and how these changes can have a detrimental effect on people's health. The warmer weather experienced in the summer puts more people at risk for heat stroke, the smog causes problems for people with respiratory problems and the increased exposure to ultraviolet light can cause increased cases of skin cancer and cataracts. Acts such as the Kyoto agreement are a step in the right direction, Dr. Hukowich said, but are still just a small part of what must be done to reverse the climate change.

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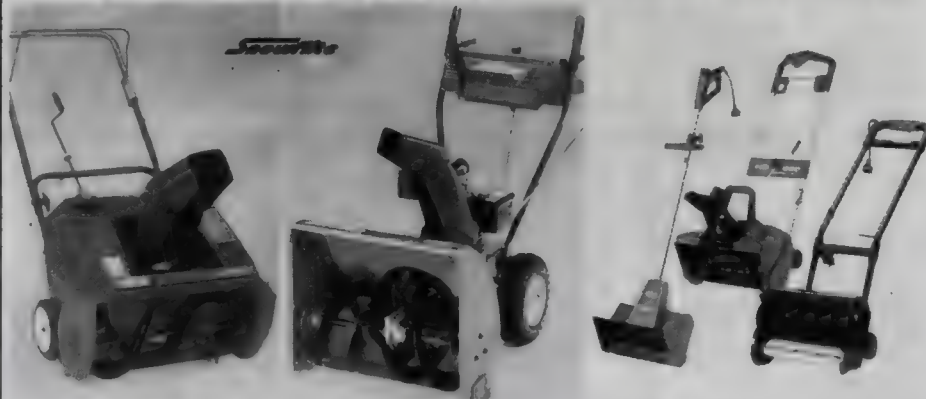
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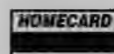


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Happy trails

Friday's blanket of snow created ideal skiing conditions across the county. The increased levels of snow have brought cross-country skiers out to the trails earlier than last year. The skiers aren't complaining either. Margaret Brogden, treasurer with the Ski Friends of the Frost Centre, elegantly glides along a Leslie M. Frost Centre trail on Friday, January 3. Brogden has already been out on the trails 12 times, and doesn't expect to slow down any time soon.



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- Coordinate the OSTAR project - a three year 1.1 million dollar trail and tour development project involving 13 project partners
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- Lead the implementation of the strategic goals, objectives, projects, programs and products of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network

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- Excellent financial management skills and experience in fundraising
- Ability to manage several projects at a time and respond well in a fast paced environment
- Ability to supervise and instruct others; motivate and nurture volunteers
- Experience in community partnership development
- Experience in trail and/or tour development and management is an asset

Please forward your application letter and résumé before 5:00pm on Friday January 24, 2003 by mail, email or fax to:

Executive Director Search Committee
Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network Trails
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We certainly had some good times over the holidays. Once again we enjoyed our bingo, the jackpot winners were Eli Boehm and Ruby Williams.

We especially enjoyed our Christmas Dinner, when we gathered together on December 20th. Unfortunately it had to be changed from a family Christmas. All was made very special, the dining rooms were decorated with great care and the food was as good as anticipated – delicious! Santa's visit was enjoyed by all, and we would like to give thanks for the wonderful gifts that were under the tree for us all.

There is no way we can express our appreciation to all who went out of their way to make our Christmas special. We can tell how fortunate we are by the length of our thank you list and unfortunately it is probably not complete so please forgive us if you are not mentioned and

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

add yourselves those who we do not see.

Thank you to the children of our Lady of Fatima Church in Minden for the beautiful Christmas cards made in catechism classes. It was nice of them to think of us. We also got cards from Dottie and Bob Muirhead, along with beautifully hand made beaded angels. So much thought and time went into our angels.

Don Alton gave us delicious oranges, which was a nice break from all those heavy traditional treats. We all remember getting an orange in our stocking for Christmas, to many of us they brought back fond memories.

On Sunday December 29th we had a hymn sing downstairs. Bea Britain sang her heart out and it was enjoyed by all.

The Norland Hillbillies – Bob Robertson, Jean Boyce, Terry Boyce, Budgie Law and Dan Diebel entertained us over the weekend and we certainly had a great time. Also thanks to Don, Marg and Pearl. Oh, and Don Sisson for playing us a tune on the spoons!

Thank you to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary for going around with the treat wagon.

On Christmas Eve day Santa and helpers came around room by room greeting us and handing out goodies and beautiful gift bags put together by the Ladies Health Care Auxiliary were also given in the spirit of Christmas. We thank this wonderful group for the thoughtful gesture.

The staff would like to thank all the residents for the deli and vegetable trays they provided for us on Christmas and New Years Eve, this was certainly a treat for us and is very much appreciated.

Residents brought in the New Year with a singsong led by Joy Bain. We were complete with our party hats and noisemakers. We were blessed once again by trays of

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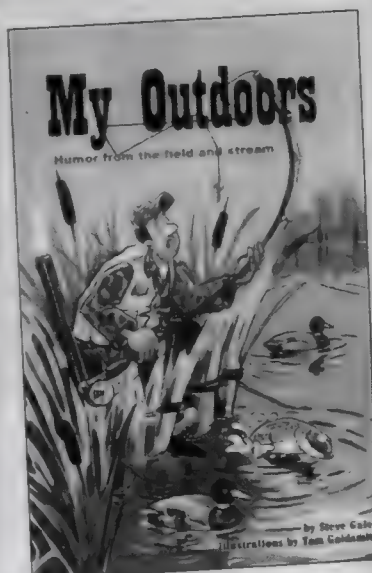
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Friends, families, staff and volunteers made holiday memorable

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Once again we say thank you to all our friends, families, staff and volunteers who helped make our holidays a very joyous time. Your gifts and holiday wishes are all appreciated.

We will remember Pat Pimm and will

sadly miss her and her love of music. She enjoyed everything from Rod Stewart to Patsy Kline.

A fond farewell to Art Asbury who returned home, it was a joyful visit Art.

We now welcome George Glenn Viney and Don Holden to our home.

We think we'll leave you with a thought used earlier in our column. "You can tell how fortunate you are by the length of your thank you list."

Happy New Year!

Limited snowmobile trails open in Highlands

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is reporting that limited trails are open in the county, but reminds snowmobilers not to ride the closed trails and to use extreme caution.

The light blanket of snow that fell in the Highlands late last week has enabled the HCSA to start packing trails in the south end with small groomers. In the north, groomer operations are starting to get rolling again. For the next couple of days, expect limited riding north of Highway 118 and nothing south, according to the HCSA website (www.hcsa.on.ca).

The following are some concerns snow-

mobilers might want to keep an eye on:

*Hidden hazards exist and some rocks and stumps may still be exposed.

*Swamps may not have enough ice to support a snowmobile and there may be deep water on the trails.

"None of the lakes are safe," said the website. "Expect thin snow cover and rocks or stumps on trails listed as limited."

The HCSA also said that there might be grooming equipment on some of the trails, as the association continues to fix bridges and put the final touches on some trails.

For more information on trails in the Highlands check out the website.

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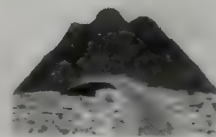
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NOTICE

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1. File No. SRA-02-02
Applicant – **ROBIN WALTER, IRENE MACLEAN AND JAMES HAWKEY**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 14 and 15, Concession 11, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7442, registered October 30, 2002.
2. File No. SRA-02-13
Applicant – **JOYCE BROWN**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Salerno Lake, lying in front of Lot 33, Concession 4, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Parts 2, 7 and 8 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7435, registered October 21, 2002.
3. File No. SRA-02-12
Applicant – **JOYCE BROWN, SANDRA BROWN AND LESLIE SOEVER**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Salerno Lake, lying in front of Lot 33, Concession 4, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7435, registered October 21, 2002.
4. File No. RA-02-03
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A portion of the former Twelve Mile Lake Road being Part of Lot 13, Concession 11, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Parts 3 and 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7445, registered November 1, 2002.
5. File No. SRA-02-11
Applicant – **MARILYN DIPPELL AND JOHN DIPPELL (TRUSTEES)**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7447, registered November 4, 2002.
6. File No. SRA-02-06
Applicant – **KEVIN MCGILLIVRAY**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7443, registered October 31, 2002.
7. File No. SRA-01-03
Applicant – **EMILY COOKE**
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DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 30th day of December, 2002.

Brendan Bérubé
Planning Administrator



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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 86-26, as amended.

APPLICATION FILE NO.: MV A08/2002

APPLICANT/OWNER: LBJ DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

PROPERTY LOCATION: Part Lots 3 and 4, Concession "A", Township of Minden

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: Relief has been requested to allow for the additional use of "Business Office" in the Highway Commercial (C3) Zone currently in place for the subject lands.

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2003

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

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NOTICE OF DECISION – A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, (formerly the Township of Lutterworth Municipal Office), Highway 35, Minden, Ontario.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2003.

Brendan Bérubé
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

Make 2003 resolutions that are achievable



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury
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According to reliable media sources 67 per cent of Canadians make New Year's resolutions. Radio AM 740 gives four strategies to increase your chance of success. Write down your resolutions, post the list where you will see it everyday, be specific and choose goals that are both reasonable and achievable. Apparently the three most common resolutions concern exercise/fitness, balancing work and family responsibilities and eating habits. At the farmhouse, all apply but I just don't need any more guilt right now. Besides let's get the priorities straight. If the list gets posted on the fridge door where can I show off the grandchildren's great report cards.

Looking back, it seems that no matter how much we stocked up on supplies for 30 years of weekending the van was always filled with more. Bruce's fantasy was that come one Friday night everyone would just jump into that van and we would head off into the sunset for our country home. That, of course, never happened. This New Year's Eve brought two welcome overnight guests. Naturally I went outside to help with their luggage. Not necessary, said Ken and Sue. One small over the shoulder bag held everything. What kind of upbringing did these three people have? Obviously not one with a mother who made sure you left the house carrying preferably a complete

change of clothing (at least clean underwear) in case of an unexpected emergency trip to the hospital usually as the result of some unforeseen traffic mishap.

So, for 2003 I have resolved to pack lightly. If

television's Rick Steeves can backpack across Europe washing out his one pair of socks every night in the local youth hostel then I can surely make it to Ajax and back.

Now seriously, if improving your fitness level is in the cards for 2003 the City of Kawartha Lakes is offering a program of Women's Fitness and Yoga (new) on Tuesdays at the Kinmount Community Centre, starting at 1 p.m. Exercises are demonstrated at three different levels to meet the particular needs of participants. To find out more about this program call Diane Austin 488-2635 and get started.

The first Kinmount Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount Branch 441 and the Kinmount Lions Club for their donations to this organization. Carole Jones reports that the group meets every Monday night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre from September through June. There are four leaders and four junior leaders working with the 28 girls who range in age from five years and up. Special guests come in to teach crafts and the girls also participate in community events.

The Haliburton County Fair Board's Festival of Trees was a great success, raising \$500 to support the annual Fair. The

six tree winners were Ellen McPherson, Gladys Nesbitt, Peter Walker, Lisa Turner, Dan Chumley, and Chris Baux. A very special thank you goes to the Town merchants who donated to this event and to Fair Board members Sue Sisson, Mary Minto, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Karen Rainey and Diane Dollo, who worked along with Maxine Snell on this project.

The new issue of "Original Roots" has just arrived. This magazine published by the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group provides valuable information and contacts for anyone researching family trees and area history. The Group meets in the Minden Library on the second Wednesday of February, April, June, September and November, with interesting speakers and programs. Annual membership is available at a cost of only \$10. For information about the group contact Chair Lynn Peel via e-mail at lynn.peel@sympatico.ca or Editor Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

Once again the scoring news is sparse due to the holidays. However, the next column promises a return to regular schedules. In the meantime remember to keep busy and well.

Thursday, December 19 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: For the ladies, Marie Dennie held the most lone hands and Lois Adamson took high score. Top spot for the gents went to Gwen Cox, while Doug Currie had most lone hands and Verna McDonald and Tom Orr recorded the lows. Other prize winners were Iris Taylor, Norm Lee, Joyce Broersma, Tom Orr and Verna McDonald. The four lucky players who took home turkeys were Marie Dennie, Ann McCreight, Norm Lee and Jim Bradbury.

Tuesday, December 24 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Leading the top scoring trio was Ida Young, with Verna McDonald second and Marie Dennie third. Ida Young had the only two moonshots.

Saturday, December 28 bid euchre at

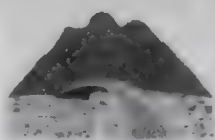
Staanworth Terrace, Minden: In first was Pat Roussel 328, followed by Norm Lee 285. Moonshots went to Milton Fletcher, June Branning, Pat Scadden, Norm Lee and Pat Roussel, while the draw prizes were won by Isabel Cherwenka, Ruth Kellett and Gala Stamp.

Monday, December 30 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: In the lone hands department it was Pearl Cowen for the ladies and Bill Mosley for the men. High lady Lynn White shared the honours with high man Jack Chilton, while Jeanne Keliele and Katie Parker recorded the afternoon lows. Katie was also the only one visited by the black/white furry critter. Draw winners Carl Nesbitt and Bill Mosley led everyone in sending out New Years well wishes to all. As Katie Parker always says the "Friendship Club" is well named.

Monday, December 30 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Thanks to Idella for her update. It was Helen Skelding who had the high score while Loyas Henderson recorded the low. Georgina Deeks held the most lone hands and it was Norm Lee who took home the special prize.

Monday, December 30 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High score honours went to Esther Lee, with Marjorie Paradis taking second spot. Moonshots landed on Ruth Kellett, Marjorie Paradis and Bill St. Thomas, who also won the special draw.

Wednesday, January 1 bid euchre at Stanhope: Sharon Evans reports a small but happy group celebrated the New Year, with single moonshots going to Esther Lee, Marcel Roussel, Sharon Evans and Don Burch, who had two. Top spot for the pinks went to Pat Roussel 259, followed by Margaret Fletcher 256 and Esther Lee 229. Marcel Roussel led the white cards with 280, then Don Burch 257 and Rob Evans 223.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: January 30, 2003
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (Council Chambers)
7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

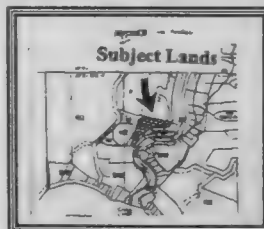
The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 4-81 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 7 and 8, Concession 13, in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Shoreline Residential Type Two Exception Thirty (SR2-30) Zone and the Shoreline Residential Type Two (SR2) Zone. The subject lands were granted provisional consent to serve on November 11, 2002 and this amendment is proposed to permit the new lots to be used for seasonal residential purposes of the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law of 4-81. The purpose of the exception is to recognize the minimum lot frontage requirement shall be 95 metres, and the minimum area requirement shall be 7,000 square metres.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the Zoning By-law Amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the applications. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of the Planning Administrator.

If a person or public body files an appeal of a decision of Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Minden Hills in respect of the proposed amendments but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department located at the former Lutterworth Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Date of this Notice: January 2, 2003
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Helpful winter tips on keeping wildlife happy and healthy

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The International Fund for Animal Welfare provides the following tips for keeping wildlife happy and healthy until spring.

* Place birdseed in a feeder in your backyard. Make sure the feeder is in an open area and away from predators' potential hideouts. Once you start feeding-birds, ensure you continue, as they may become dependent. Bird feeders also need to be kept clean in order to prevent the spread of disease.

* You can provide winter shelter for birds by placing birdhouses high in the trees. Ensure the house is secure and won't fall during a storm. Once again, make sure that neighbourhood predators, such as cats, cannot get to the birds inside the house.

* Antifreeze is poisonous to pets and wildlife, however its sweet taste can be attract a curious animal. Clean up any spills, and keep antifreeze out of reach when stored. A safer alternative is a non-toxic antifreeze, made with propylene glycol.

* Bang on the hood of your car before starting the engine. Cats and wildlife may climb into the engine of a car when seeking warmth.

* When you are out winter hiking or camping, do not leave any "people food" behind. Our food is not nutritionally adequate for animals, and may cause them more harm than good.

* Be careful not to disturb hibernating animals. Animals that are hibernating have limited food stores and waking them prematurely may cause them to starve.

Try to avoid caves that are known to contain bat colonies, as small vibrations may be enough to wake them.

* Winter driving provides many obstacles. Black ice and slick surfaces mean you will have less control and ability to react to unexpected situations.

Keep yourself and your family safe by being on the lookout for deer and moose who may come close to the roadside to lick the salt.



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- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175
- **Urgent Need of Respite Volunteers?** Haliburton County Home Support Services is in urgent need of Respite Volunteers for the Minden area. We are looking for volunteers who would be able to give a couple of hours a week to sit, read or chat over a cup of tea with a client, while their caregiver gets a much needed break. Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? We are looking for you! Call 457-2941 for more info.
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- **Haliburton County Home Support** is considering another trip to the wonderful musical Mamma Mia. If you are interested in seeing Mamma Mia, please call Adel Barnes at 448-2838.
- **December 27-January 1:** Karma Chime will teach according to the experience and ability of those attending with a focus on the path of awakening, Meditations, focus on breathing, loving kindness, compassion, transcendental joy, equanimity and peace. People may follow the retreat program or pursue another meditation practice with guidance from Karma Chime. Call 705-488-2704 or e-mail: info@dharmacentre.org for details.
- **January is Alzheimer Awareness Month.** Many Businesses will be selling the Forget Me Not Emblems. Please give to the Local Society by purchasing the Emblems for \$1.00. With your support, we can continue to provide local programs and education to families of those caring for a loved one affected with Alzheimer Disease or related dementias.
- **January 6: Canadian Blood Services** continues to face rapidly increasing demand for blood. Please call 1-888-2DONATE (1-888-236-6283) for eligibility information or to book an appointment. New Year Clinics for Haliburton. Haliburton Legion Hall Clinic (Mountain St.) 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- **January 8:** Join Home Support for Bid Euchre at 1:00 p.m. in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. For more information please contact Ida at 457-2941.
- **January 10:** Please join Home Support for Wheels to Meals at Bolger's Fine Dining in Harcourt. To make your reservation, please call Ida at 457-2941.
- **January 10:** Join Home Support for Cribbage at 1:00 p.m. in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. For more information please contact Ida at 457-2941.
- **January 11:** Dogsledding Workshop. Space is limited so be sure to register in advance. This is the first in a series of five winter travel workshops presented by the Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network. For more information call 286-1760 or visit www.trailsandtours.com
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- Home Support is holding an ongoing Treasure Sale in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. We accept items in good condition. Drop in and check it out.
- **January 11:** 6th Annual Dinner & Music Night at 6 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information call 766-9968.
- **January 13:** C.H.A.C.E. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre.
- **January 15:** The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area (ASPA) Open Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Sir Sandford Fleming College, room 301, 599 Brealey Dr. Peterborough (Go through front door, downstairs to the coffee shop and turn left - elevator available) Parking is \$2.00. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Lewis 705-748-5131 or 1-800-561-2588.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, a portion of the road right of way, situated in Lots 33,34, and 35 Concession XI, in the geographic Township of Dysart.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.M.45 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to consider, and if deemed appropriate, enact at its meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building on Newcastle Street, in the Town of Minden, Ontario, on January 22, 2003, a by-law to stop up, close and convey the portions of road allowance more particularly described as follows:

Part No.2 as shown on Reference Plan No. 19R 6602, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Limited, deposited in the Land Registry Office on February 26th, 1999, and,

Part No.8 as shown on Reference Plan No. 19R 3239, a plan of survey prepared by Bishop and Wilson, deposited in the Land Registry Office on February 4th, 1985.

The aforementioned plans of survey are available for perusal at the Roads Department Office, 3 Saint Germaine St., Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday)

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd, day of December, 2002.

Brian W. Mulholland, Operations and Approvals Officer
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440 THANK YOU

Thank You
A heartfelt thank you to David's and my family, friends, my Hydro One family and the Haliburton County Studio Tour Artists for your continued support and kindness through the diagnosis, surgeries and treatments of my bilateral breast and lung cancers. Words cannot express the appreciation we feel for all the prayers, telephone calls, e-mails, cards, flowers, visits, food, housecleaning, rides for myself and our children as well as child care for Braydin, that we have received over the past eight months. Although there are too many individuals to mention everyone that has helped us through this journey, I would like to thank David for putting a lot of his things on hold to be by my side, for many times having to be both Mom and Dad, and for believing I could get through my Chemo even when I was not sure I could. To my children, Darrin and Braydin for understanding, something not even easy for an adult. To my precious sisters and my dear friends: Lindy Robitaille, Jane Roblin and Jane Symons, I could not have gotten here without you. You have been and I know will continue to be, there for me through the laughter and the tears. To Colin Wilson, even while fighting his own battle with Cancer, found strength to give me the encouragement to fight mine. To Cancer Survivors Wilma, Jean and Bernie, it has given me great comfort and Hope to be able to share experiences with women who have "walked the walk." Reading about the Ontario Health Care System can be a very scary thing at times, but I am proud to say that I couldn't be happier with the care I have received from the Haliburton Hospital, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Kingston General Hospital and the Kingston Regional Cancer Centre, and the wonderful support from the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, the Access Centre and Paramed. I am still facing six weeks of radiation, but after that...hopefully a smoother road to recovery. Although having Cancer was not on my "Things Most Wanted" list, I thank God every day for giving me the opportunity to feel honoured and blessed to know each and every one of you. Sincerely, **Kathy McKelvey-Brown.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

REYNOLDS, MORGAN (Shag)
- In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away January 2, 1999.
We often think of bygone days When we were all together, The family chain is broken now, But memories will live forever. To us, he has not gone away, Nor has he travelled far, Just entered God's eternal home
And left the gate ajar.
Lovingly remembered by wife **Marie.**

460 OBITUARIES

MADELINE ROSE "PAT" PIMM
With deepest sorrow the family of Pat announce her passing on **December 30, 2002**
Beloved wife of the late Cy. Much loved mother of Peter and his partner Gloria Thibodeau of Toronto, Patti and her husband Paul Prentice of Minden, and Dallis. Loving grandmother of Laura and Robyn Pimm, Simon and Brittany Prentice. Dear aunt of Tanya Neeser and Bill Pimm. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Thursday, January 2, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. until the time of the Service at 7:30 p.m. Reception followed in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the C.N.I.B. would be appreciated by the family.

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REISS, LUDWIG (Owner of Hilltop Market, Haliburton):
At Haliburton Hospital on January 1, 2003 in his 74th year. Beloved husband of Agnes Wilhelmer. Loving father of Margaret of Haliburton. Dear brother of Ferdinand, Emy, Vince, Margaret, Helen and Adolf. Predeceased by his brother Andreas. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Friday evening, January 3, 2003 from 6-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Saturday morning, January 4, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Reception followed in the Reception Room at the Funeral Home. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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